



2004 Award Winner

Enhancing Program Efficiency through Technology

Head Start of Lane County Lane County, Oregon

Using current web based technologies, the 2004 award winner for “Enhancing Program Efficiency through Technology” created an online database to ensure that it collects and maintains CACFP information and facilitates the efficient delivery of services to children and families.

WebCAF, or Web-based Child and Family Database, offers features that you would expect: simple data entry, user-friendly reports and forms and security. However, WebCAF provides several advantages over conventional databases:

- it enables users to connect via any Internet-ready computer;
- it was designed to meet the needs of program management and direct service staff and can therefore be used and understood by everyone in the organization; and
- it replaces paper files. Although certain information will always be maintained in paper form, WebCAF reduces the reliance on paper files for most daily work and monitoring.

The organization enhances this resource by providing menus, nutritional information, recipes, and procurement guidance online.

The 2004 award for “Enhancing Program Efficiency through Technology” is presented to Head Start of Lane County.